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BOB OLIVER—REBUILDING BRIDGES IN MITCHELL COUNTY

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MEN ON MISSION

On The Cover
Bob Oliver (along with his dog) was one of 200+ volunteers who helped to rebuild bridges in Mitchell County.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Going In Jesus' Power

We can feed thousands of people after a disaster. We can build seminaries, churches and houses all over the world. We can care for the elderly, sick, migrants, orphans, and the dying. We can do all kinds of great things, but if we are not doing these things in Jesus' power it's really not going to count for much.

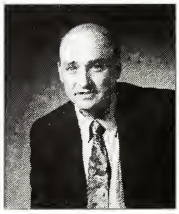
Nothing is more important than prayer

Don't get me wrong. We all should be doing these things. We are called to care for people in need wherever they are, but don't get so busy doing good things that you forget about the source of all good things. We are called to go in Jesus' power. Jesus' power is available to you through the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, "When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be filled with power..."Acts 1:8 (TEV). We have access to the Holy Spirit through prayer. Nothing is more important than prayer.

There are many ways that you can be involved in prayer:

- *Commit to pray one hour a week for an entire year as part of the Watchman Prayer Ministry. The Watchman Prayer plan is an effort to have Christians "on watch" and praying 24 hours a day. To have NC Baptists praying for missions needs and renewal and revival around the clock. (See page 19 for more information on the Watchman Prayer Ministry)*
- *If you are a Baptist Men/Men's Ministry leader you should get a group of men to start praying right now that God will lead your group/church in the ways that He is calling you to witness and minister for Him.*
- *When you are involved in a mission project, get a group from your church to commit to praying for the team while you are traveling, working, and witnessing on the project.*

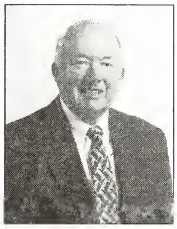
Prayer must be at the center of any efforts to minister for Jesus Christ.



Richard Brunson

My South Africa Experience

RAYMOND EARP, NCBM PRESIDENT



Raymond Earp

It was 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. The sun was already hot, and our 6:30 a.m. devotion was over. Most of the men in our group had already gone to work to finish the little church in the village. In the distance, everyone in the village was walking or riding in a few pickup trucks towards a beautiful spot under one of the few trees in the village on the side of a mountain. It appeared that the whole village was mourning in the procession as John Thompson of Tabernacle Church in New Bern and I joined the group. It was a mixture of curiosity and respect as we walked behind the truck carrying the coffin made of wood. On the mountain a few words were spoken in the Zulu language, and then the men lined up and began to cover the box with dirt.

After a mound of dirt was formed, the women passed a rock from one to another to place around the grave. The funeral had actually started the night before as the village people gathered at the home of the deceased, continued all night, and ended with the burial. Candles and food were placed in the grave for nourishment and to light the way to another world. This 20-year-old African girl died because someone cast a spell on her just a few months before. Doctors could find no reason for her sickness. There had been a disagreement, and a spell had been cast. Depression set in followed by death. This happened in the land of South Africa, in a little mountain village called Matibidi.

Anita Earp teaching Matibidi children "Jesus Loves Me" in sign language.

John Thompson, Anita, and several others went everyday to a preschool with 115 children in a building with bare walls and cold cement floors to tell them stories about Jesus, sing "Jesus Loves Me," shake little hands, and say "I love you." In the afternoon, 150–200 school-age children came to the little church building for Bible School. The rafters moved as they sang, danced, prayed, and told stories about Jesus. Their faces beamed as they pasted pictures of the nativity — thanks to the 20,000 Christmas cards from all over North Carolina — on colored paper and decorated around it with their choice of colored glitter. Many of them touched their faces and hair, leaving glitter shining for days. If we started shaking hands, we must be ready to shake every hand, sometimes twice, and use the thought of everyday, "Jesus loves you and I love you".

What does God want you to do? Happiness is found in doing the will of God. Is there someone you need to tell that Jesus loves them — and that

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From The President

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you love them. African children and children everywhere need to know the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of Jesus. They need to know He is more powerful than any spell or hex.

Experiencing Africa was far beyond my expectations.

The evening before we left, the team and church family gathered in the new church. Our team had poured the cement floor, put panes in the windows, finished the pulpit area, put doors in, and worked on the baptismal. We sang praises to God, prayed, preached, and said "good-byes." We pray everyday that they will keep singing "Jesus loves me, this I know. For the Bible tells me so."

If you are interested in participating in the South Africa partnership, please call the Baptist Men's office in Cary or me at (919) 728–3070.

Matibidi children singing "If You're Happy Clap Your Hands."

Mission Statement

The goal of North Carolina Baptist Men is to help NC churches and associations involve their members (especially men and boys) in missions.

The objectives for accomplishing this goal are to:

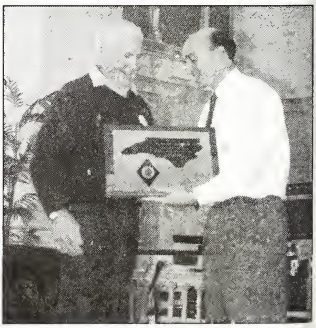
- *enable and equip men and boys to be personally involved in mission activities*
- *encourage men and boys to identify and develop their personal ministries*
- *educate men and boys concerning mission opportunities*
- *teach men and boys the importance of praying for and giving to missions*
- *lead men and boys in developing in all areas and aspects of their lives to become mature, active and involved Christians.*

1997 Layman Of The Year Is Miller Garrison

The "Layman of the Year Award" for 1997 was presented to Miller Garrison from Stanley, NC. This presentation was made during the Baptist Men's Convention/Missions Conference in Raleigh on January 31, 1998.

Miller's dedication and commitment to missions, through his quiet, kind spirit, have been proven continuously as shown by his involvement listed below: Brazil–twice; Africa– four times; Ukraine–13 times; England; Prague; Czech Republic; Alaska; Montana; New York–three locations; Florida–Hurricane Andrew; Hurricane Fran recovery projects; Caswell–over 400 hours; Camp Mundo Vista renovations; 12 mission churches in NC; Habitat for Humanity houses; handyman ministries locally. Miller represents Region 8 on the International Missions Projects Committee for NC Baptist Men.

Miller, and his wife, Peggy, are members of First Church, Stanley, NC. North Carolina Baptist Men appreciate the contributions that Miller and Peggy have made and continue to make as they serve in Christ's Spirit.



Miller Garrison receives a plaque from Richard Brunson, director, NC Baptist Men.

In Loving Memory–Hobart Smith

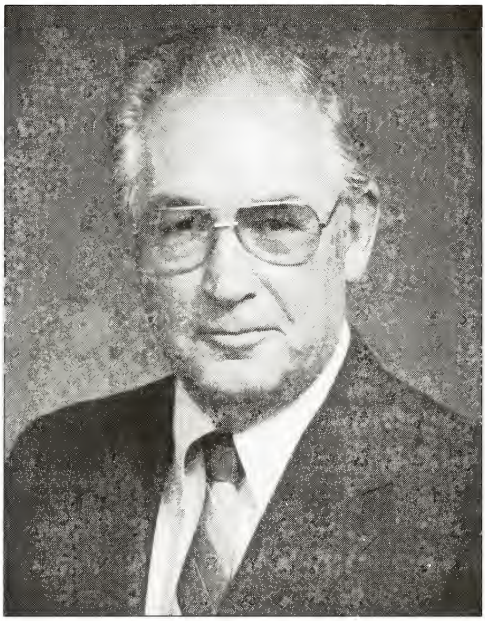
Hobart Smith was a man of wisdom, courage, and vision. Those of us who were fortunate enough to have Hobart Smith as a friend knew that we had a friend who could be counted upon.

While serving North Carolina Baptist Men as executive director for 16 years, I developed a close relationship with Hobart. I first met him in 1968 as a member of a South American mission team composed of 27 Baptist men from North Carolina who were visiting mission work in several South American countries. Our final destination was the Crusade of Americas in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. En route to Rio, we stopped at a Baptist laymen meeting in Montevideo, Uruguay. The men in that church were praying that they could gather the funds to travel by bus to Rio for the Crusade of Americas. I learned the true nature and heart of Hobart Smith when he called me aside and said, "I want to pay for the bus because I want these men to be at the crusade, so we can continue to have fellowship with them." It was a joy to help make the transportation arrangements that allowed these men to go. The flame that burned in Hobart's heart for missions and evangelism may have been there long before the 1968 mission trip to Brazil, but it became quite evident in his life following that trip. A beautiful example is a special young woman named Sophia Gomes Steibel whom Hobart met on this 1968 trip to Rio. Sophia, the daughter of Brazil's courageous and much loved evangelist, David Gomes, was invited to come to the U.S. to study at Gardner-Webb University. Among the Baptist Men's family, Hobart lived closest to Gardner-Webb so he and Dorothy opened their home to Sophia. Sophia graduated from Gardner-Webb and Southwestern Seminary with a near perfect average. We celebrated with Hobart when Sophia returned to Brazil and served as the president of a Baptist seminary. Today, Sophia is back at Boiling Springs and is teaching religion at Gardner-Webb. Hobart worked with David Gomes to start many needed churches and programs in that area. You can understand how Hobart Smith never lost his zeal and love for foreign missions and especially Brazil.

Hobart Smith gave exemplary leadership as president of North Carolina Baptist Men from 1985 to 1988. He enlisted and encouraged a large number of lay volunteers to hands-on missions. Over the years, he served in numerous leadership positions in the NC Baptist Men organization.

Hobart was a trustee on the board of directors at Gardner-Webb University for 30 years. He served as a prominent leader at University Hills Church. He was a successful businessman who established his own construction company and served as president and CEO until his retirement.

Hobart exemplified the best image of what every Baptist should be. Although he put God first, his family was a close second. He could never have done the things he did without the support of his lovely wife, Dorothy. They shared the same visions and were inseparable. A major



vision for both of them was to encourage and support their four children, seven grandsons, and two granddaughters. To Hobart's credit, they are so much like him.

The best way to sum up the life of Hobart Smith is stated by an acquaintance who said, "Whether at home or abroad, Hobart Smith let others see Jesus in him." We are missing him, but then Hobart is right there in heaven with Jesus. Isn't that good news? We will see him and have fellowship with him again. In the meantime, we will try to do missions and evangelism the way Hobart wanted us to do it.

Ed Bullock
Former Director
NC Baptist Men
Baptist State
Convention of NC

Have You Considered The Advantages Of A Charitable Remainder Trust?

JOHN ROBERSON, PRESIDENT
NORTH CAROLINA MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT

Do you desire to make a major charitable gift to North Carolina Baptist Men but feel you cannot give up the income you are receiving from your assets? Perhaps there is a solution. Have you considered a charitable remainder trust?

Using a charitable remainder trust, you will eventually make a significant gift; however, in the meantime you will benefit in these ways:

Tax savings. If you transfer long-term appreciated assets to a charitable trust, you will receive an income tax deduction based on your age, the fair market value of the assets the day you set up the trust, and the value of the remainder passed to North Carolina Baptist Men. In addition, the transfer of assets is not subject to the capital gains tax.

Lifetime income. Every year (monthly, quarterly, or annually) the charitable trust pays to you (or your beneficiary(ies) either a fixed income (annuity trust) or a variable income (unitrust). You make the choice when you set up your trust.

Charitable remainder trust offers assurances you may never have thought were available. As you plan how you want to manage your assets and/or transfer them after life, please consider utilizing the services of North Carolina Missions Development. North Carolina Missions Development is poised to consult with you and your advisors to discuss ways that planned gifts may benefit you, your family, and North Carolina Baptist Men.

For more information, check the appropriate item on the back page or contact the Baptist Building at ext. 119 or jrobers@bscnc.org

REGIONAL BAPTIST MEN'S RALLIES

Scheduled for the fall

Region 1	**November 5**
Region 2	**November 17**
Region 3	**November 2**
Region 4	**November 2**
Region 5	**November 16**
Region 6	**November 17**
Region 7	**November 16**
Region 8	**November 2**
Region 9	**November 17**
Region 10	**November 16**

help hurting children, healing broken families

"Hands On" Missions at Baptist Children's Homes of NC

Your Baptist Children's Homes serves 1,400 children each year at 12 facilities across the state. It serves those children with loving staff in dozens of buildings that need maintenance and repair. From the brand new John D. and Amelia W. Johnson Cottage going up at Mills Home, to the Whitty Cottage built in 1903 that housed children until it was taken down in March, BCH has buildings and grounds that could use the attention of **Baptist Men**.

Work groups can give a weekend or a week for grounds maintenance at a residential campus, to roofing, carpeting, remodeling, painting, putting up curtains or cleaning and repairing windows. Doing these tasks would free the small maintenance staffs for other work.

All facilities can use help at some time or another. So it is almost certain your group can find a place to serve at a time convenient to its schedule.

Call An Area Director To Discuss Service Possibilities!

Thomasville Area ..	Bill Scarlett	(910) 474–1200
Western Area	Reggie Gilmore	(704) 627–9254
Kinston Area	Tim Smith	(919) 522–0811
Pembroke Area	Larry Sawyer	(910) 521–3433
Lenoir Area	Donna Lail	(704) 757–0700

NC Baptist Missions Conference and Baptist Men's Convention

January 29–30, 1999

First Baptist, Greensboro

Equipping Today's Church is a Valuable Training Opportunity

Wouldn't it be great if you could load all your church leaders in the van and take them to receive training at one time? You can! Equipping Today's Church (ETC) is an interdepartmental training session offered by the Baptist State Convention for just such a purpose. Training will be offered by Sunday School, Church Music, Discipleship Training, Woman's Missionary Union, North Carolina Baptist Men, and the Office of Minister Support. Participants may choose which conferences they would like to attend. All conferences are geared especially to leaders in the local church.

Two conferences will be offered: Ridgecrest Conference Center on September 11–12 and Caswell Conference Center on October 2–3. Cost for the conference at Ridgecrest is $68.75 per person, double occupancy. Cost for Caswell is $55 per person. Both include lodging, program fee, and three meals. Registration deadline is August 14 for Ridgecrest and September 4 for Caswell. There is a $5 price break for those registering two weeks earlier than the deadline at each location.

For more information, please check the appropriate item on the back page.

Upcoming Training Opportunities

AUGUST 7–8
Church Brotherhood Training
Caraway
Five hours of training for those who work with Baptist Men, Challengers, and Royal Ambassadors. *(see related article below)*

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SEPTEMBER 11–12
Equipping Today's Church
Ridgecrest
An across-the-board training session for all aspects of church life—Sunday School, deacons, Baptist Men, WMU, and much more. Participants choose five one-hour classes to attend. *(see insert)*

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OCTOBER 2–3
Equipping Today's Church
Caswell
An across-the-board training session for all aspects of church life—Sunday School, deacons, Baptist Men, WMU, and much more. Participants choose five one-hour classes to attend. *(see insert)*

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OCTOBER 9–10
RA Leaders' Training
Caraway
Five hours of training for those who work with Royal Ambassadors in their church. Sessions will be held for EZRA, Classic RAs, and church RA directors. *(See article on page 21)*

Leadership Conference For Those Leading Men, Boys, And Youth

A conference to equip church leaders to lead men, young men, and boys in mission study and projects will be held at the Caraway Conference Center in Asheboro on **August 7–8**. It begins with registration and dinner at 5:30 p.m. on Friday and concludes on Saturday with lunch.

The Church Brotherhood Leadership Conference is one of the most thorough training sessions of the year, offering up to five and a half hours of workshop training. Featured will be training sessions for basic and advanced Royal Ambassador (grades 1–6) counselors, Challengers (grades 7–12) leaders, and church Baptist Men/Brotherhood leaders. Featured this year will be a new technique for leading Men's Ministries. This program will focus on a more holistic combination of missions involvement, spiritual development, and meaningful fellowship.

Cost is only $38 per person (double occupancy and three meals). Registration deadline is July 6.

For more information or to register, check the appropriate item on the back page.

AGRICULTURAL MISSIONS

Ag Demonstration Farm Field Day

Campbell University
Saturday, June 27

SCHEDULE:

4:00 p.m. Tour the Farm

5:30 p.m. Program

6:00 p.m. Meal from the North Carolina Baptist Disaster Relief Unit

COST:

$5.00 per person

This event is for youth, children, and adults interested in missions.

To make your reservations, please use the form on the back page.

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Cary, NC 27511
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CORRECTIONAL MISSIONS

Look For Ways To Cross Over To Correctional Ministries

No new ministries; just to a new people.

SPORTS:

- Clinics for at-risk youth. Team competition with institutions.

DISASTER RELIEF:

- Cook a meal on staff days or visitation at an institution.

HOMELAND:

- Prison Fellowship service projects, inmate family care, welcome & ministry centers, transitional housing, victim services and home repair.

LAY RENEWAL:

- Renewals, Experiencing God weekends and classes.

LAY REVIVAL:

- Evangelism, Prison Fellowship Starting Line, jail ministries, inmate family visitation.

PRAYER:

- Prayer partner with inmates (use of prayer cards), prayer needs through chaplains.

RESORT AND RECREATION:

- Sponsor welcome centers on visitation day, child care centers on visitation days.

RA's:

- Yard clean-up for inmate families, "adopt" a child of an inmate into RA group.

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Angels Do Have Wings

Because her stomach and intestines had been twisted since birth, Ashley Sansing of Orlando, Fla. has been fed through a feeding tube for more than one and a half years. Now at age two and a half, the doctors say that she is strong enough to be taken off the tube and be taught how to eat on her own. This means learning how to chew and swallow her food for the first time, something most of us take for granted.

Ashley was having trouble adjusting to the new way of eating and needed some special help. A hospital in Baltimore, Md. specializes in eating problems and could help if she only had a way to get there and back for the three-week treatment.

Angel Flight of Mid-Atlantic put out a request to volunteer pilots to help get her and her mother, Rebecca, to the hospital and back. NC Baptist Men Pilot Ron Gibson agreed to help by flying Ashley and her mother from Baltimore to Laurinburg, NC where another pilot met them and flew them home to Orlando.

Ashley asked Ron if he was going to take her back home to see her daddy. Having three daughters of his own, he understood how exciting the reunion would be for both Ashley and her dad and, once again, he was able to use his flying skill to help others.

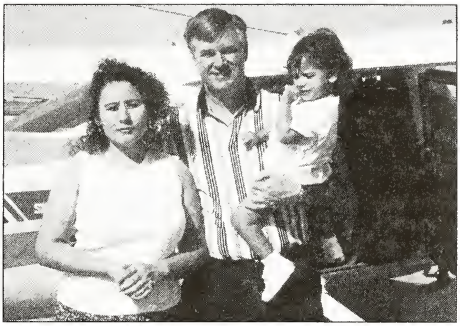
Ron is one of NCBM's most active pilots and has made five such flights, helping patients needing special treatments or medical care not available at their local hospitals.

He has spoken about NCBM's Aviation Ministry at men's meetings and during worship services at his and other churches and at a Methodist Men's Prayer Breakfast.

Ron also holds the record thus far for our longest flight. He left at 6:20 a.m. on December 18 from Laurinburg and flew to Richmond, Va. to pick up a patient, Audrey Parrish, and her daughter and flew them to Louisville, Ky., for a new experimental breast cancer treatment. After her treatment, he flew them back home to Richmond and then back to Laurinburg, arriving at 8:20 p.m. A total of 10.1 hours flight time. During this flight he also took along another pilot, Tom Hill, and orientated him on the mission flight procedures so he, too, could start taking volunteer mission flight requests.

Ron knows the helpless feeling of having a family member with cancer, losing both his dad in 1974 and his mother in 1989 to cancer. He said, "The Lord has opened doors for me, through flying missions, that I never dreamed I would walk (or fly) through."

FAA rules allow patients to be flown by volunteer pilots provided the pilot is not paid or compensated. The average mission flight costs the pilot $300 to $500 depending on the type and size of aircraft he owns or rents for the flight. Volunteer pilots donate this cost as well as their time. For this reason, flight requests are usually kept to less than 500 miles, if and when possible. On longer flights, two pilots are used in what is called a linked flight, each pilot flying the patient on one leg of the trip and meeting the other pilot halfway for the remaining distance.



NCBM has started an Aviation Ministry Fuel Fund to purchase aviation fuel for ministry flights such as these, which will allow our pilots to make more flights.

If you know a Christian pilot who may like to get involved in this neat way of serving, tell him about our new Aviation Ministry or give us his name and we will send him our new Aviation brochure with a pilot sign-up form. If you are not a pilot, you can still have a part in this new and exciting and much-needed ministry by helping us get the word out about the ministry and helping with the new Fuel Fund.

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FAMILY FOUNDATIONS

Fathers And Sons Keep 'ON TARGET' at Caswell Retreat

Oak Island—April 6, 1998—Keeping your life "On Target for Christ" is a lot like shooting a bow and arrow, Bryon Tabor of Winston-Salem told fathers and sons from across the state March 27–28 at Caswell. More that 60 dads and their sons in first through third grades gathered to learn how to keep their lives focused on Jesus.

Fathers with sons in grades 4–8 should plan to participate in the next Father-Son retreat to be held at Caswell Sept 27–29. This retreat, "High Performance," will feature an antique car show and lessons about maintaining healthy family relationships.

For more information, contact Lynn Goswick at (910) 278–9501 (day) or (910) 201–4462 (evening).

Still Time To Enjoy Father/Son Camp

Some spaces are still available for two Father/Son Mini-Camps at Camp Caraway this summer. Father/Son mini-camp is a great place for boys in grades 1–3 and their dads to deepen their relationship with each other. The first mini-camp will be June 29– July 1; the second one runs July 1–3. During these mini-camps, participants enjoy a fun-filled time of swimming, basketball, archery, canoeing, Bible study, and much more. Boys may attend camp with a father, grandfather, uncle, or any other adult male over the age of 21. There must be one adult for every three boys registered. Boys must have completed the first grade to attend.

Cost of the mini-camp is $45 per person and includes meals, lodging, and program. For more information, please check the appropriate item on the back page.

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LAY REVIVAL

Statement of Purpose

In a day when Christian men and women have the greatest opportunity in history to take a vital faith to all the world, there seems to be a timidity and a fear that blocks this all important work. If this barrier is ever to be overcome, we, as Christians, must recognize and accept God's plan. The Bible makes it clear in Rev. 12:11 and other places, that a Christian is testimony is the most vital force that a child of God can bring into play. Everyone of us who has confessed Jesus as Lord and Savior must accept Christ as the living personality that He is. Being a living personality, He moves about and is found in all places, even the places in which we find ourselves each day. We who claim to know Him obviously must be coming into contact with Him and therefore must be having experiences with Him. These experiences that we have become our testimonies concerning our relationships with our Savior. A spiritual power is released as we share a sincere testimony with another person. The Holy Spirit enters and makes us aware of God's presence. The most important discovery a person ever makes is learning that God is real and working in lives of individuals, and that He has a hand in their affairs. There must be a realization that he belongs to God as he works on his job, in his home, or wherever he might be. There seems to be a hesitancy and a timidity within our personalities that keep us from opening up to another person about spiritual things. Whatever the cause of this, we hold back even in the midst of preaching, study courses, and magazine articles on this subject of personal witnessing. Something else is

obviously needed. Experience has shown this needed procedure is the SHOWING process. This is something to be "caught" instead of "taught". Men, women, and young people from all walks of life and from all educational levels are responding, as other lay people take them out and SHOW them how to share Christ with another person. Without any pretense of perfection, yet with a deep desire to do the best possible work for God, Christian lay people through lay-led revivals are stimulating a tremendous awakening in the right direction. Just as leavening spreads through a loaf, this concept is destined to spread throughout the world. No set pattern or mold can hold this concept. The job is simply to share Christ with those who need to hear and to teach others to do the same. Putting it another way for emphasis, the job is to speak out of the heart and share a living relationship with the Savior so that another person can see Him more clearly. This puts the emphasis on Christ, not on any set of mechanics. The lives of individuals are changed and whole churches experience a revival that continues long after the initial sharing is over. Churches in widely separated areas are rediscovering the truth that there is power in personal witnessing for Christ. The hunger on the part of our churches is demonstrated by the tremendous call for lay people to help.

This statement was written over 40 years ago by two of our founders, Donald Adcox and Gary Harthcock; yet, my experience has been that it is just as true today as it has ever been. To God be ALL the honor, ALL the glory, and ALL the praise!

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SPORTS IN MISSIONS

Sports Ministry

"For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come." (1 Tim. 4:8 NIV). Those of us involved in this ministry can look to this verse to help us keep our priorities straight. The body is the "temple of the Holy Spirit" (1 Cor. 6:19) and must not be neglected, but our ministry has eternity in view.

My choice of teaching and coaching as a career was largely made because of the impact that athletics had on me personally. I wanted to have the kind of positive influence on young people that my dad and my coaches had on me. Teamwork, sportsmanship, self-control, persistence, patience, and sacrifice are some of the personal attributes sports can help young people develop. Handling disappointment and conflict appropriately can be an outcome of well-managed athletic participation as well. It truly saddens me when I see one who has developed athletic prowess but lacks character.

Those who choose to be affiliated with this ministry are reminded that we use sports as a vehicle to become involved with people. The sharing of the gospel (evangelism) and Christian growth (discipleship) are goals we share with other Baptist Men's ministries. The Apostle Paul, who makes an analogy between athletic training and spiritual training in several passages, admonishes Christians to meet people at their point of need and interest in order to win them to Christ: "I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some" (1 Cor. 9:22).

Look up these scriptures to read about Paul's comparison of athletic and spiritual training: 1 Cor. 9:24–27, 2 Tim. 2:5, Gal. 2:2, and Phil. 3:13–14. Read Hebrews 12: 1–2 and Psalm 119:32 as well.

We have many coaches and athletes in South Africa and Zimbabwe this summer. Please pray for their safety and effectiveness as they apply the philosophy of sports evangelism for Christ's sake.

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BAPTIST MEN SHIRTS AND HATS AVAILABLE

	NCBM Golf Shirt-Green $27.00 each			NCBM Golf Shirt–Striped $27.00 each			NCBM Brown T-shirts $6.00 each		
Size:	Medium	Large	X-large	Medium	Large	X-large	Medium	Large	X-large
Quantity:									

NCBM Hats $10.00 each					
Color:	Brown/Black	Forest Green/Navy	Khaki/Forest Green	Teal – $7.00	Purple – $7.00
Quantity:					

	Challenger Hats $12.00 each	Royal Ambassador Hats Khaki/Green–$12.00 each	Royal Ambassador Hats Khaki/Blue–$12.00 each
Quantity:			

Ship to:

Name_____

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Little is Much:
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In North Carolina, there are:
more than 7.3 million residents
more than 70,000 children with one or more parent in prison
more than 50 different language groups
nearly 200 children infected with the AIDS virus
more than 70,000 seasonal farm workers
more than 4.5 million people affected by recent disasters
more than 3.5 million unchurched people
NC MISSIONS OFFERING
The NC Missions Offering supports the mission ministries of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

The problems in today's world can be overwhelming. It's easy to believe that the problems are just too great and one individual is too small to make a difference.

Yet throughout Jesus' ministry He taught His disciples how something apparently small can make a big difference.

- A mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds, grows into a large tree. Birds make a home in the tree's branches. (Matthew 13:32)

- A small bit of yeast is essential to making a loaf of bread. (Matthew 13:33)

- A boy's lunch of five loaves of bread and two fish fed a crowd of five thousand people. (John 6:9-13)

When you give to the North Carolina Missions Offering, your gift is combined with those of others across the state. Together with God's blessing, these gifts can accomplish something great for His Kingdom. Whether you are old or young, an adult or a child, you can make a difference.

You can learn more about how your gifts will make a difference for Jesus Christ by reading the following articles. To make a contribution to the North Carolina Missions Offering, contact your church or the Baptist State Convention at 1-800-395-5102.

Scriptures Show Little Things Can Make A Big Difference

"Little Is Much: Make A Difference" is this year's theme for the North Carolina Missions Offering. In the following scripture passages, God uses something small to make a big difference for His Kingdom. While reading these passages, remember that today He is still able to use our gifts for His great purposes.

- At that time, the disciples came to Jesus, asking, "Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven?" So Jesus called a child, had him stand in front of them, and said, "I assure you that unless you change and become like children you will never enter the Kingdom of heaven. The greatest in the Kingdom is the one who humbles himself and becomes like this child." (Matthew 18:1-4)

- Jesus told them another parable: "The Kingdom of heaven is like this. A man takes a mustard seed and sows it in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it grows up, it is the biggest of all plants. It becomes a tree, so that birds come and make their nests in its branches." (Matthew 13:31-32)

- Jesus told them still another parable: "The Kingdom of heaven is like this. A woman takes some yeast and mixes it with a bushel of flour until the whole batch of dough rises." (Matthew 13:33)

- The widow . . . went to Elisha and said, "Sir, my husband has died! . . . A man he owed money to has come to take away my two sons as slaves in payment for my husband's debt."

He asked. ". . . What do you have at home?"

"Nothing at all, except a small jar of olive oil," she answered.

"Go to your neighbors and borrow as many empty jars as you can," Elisha told her. " . . . Start pouring oil into the jars. Set each one aside as soon as it is full."

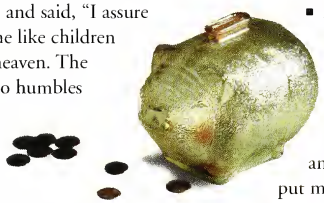
So the woman . . . took the small jar of olive oil and poured oil into the jars . . . When they had filled all the jars, . . . the olive oil stopped flowing. She went back to Elisha, the prophet, who said to her, "Sell the olive oil and pay all your debts, and there will be enough money left for you and your sons to live on." (2 Kings 4:1-7)

- Elijah . . . saw a widow . . . "Please bring me a drink of water," he said to her . . . "And please bring me some bread, too."

She answered, ". . . All I have is a handful of flour in a bowl and a bit of olive oil in a jar."

. . . Elijah said to her, ". . . Make a small loaf from what you have and bring it to me, and then prepare the rest for you and your son. For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: The bowl will not run out of flour or the jar run out of oil before the day that I, the Lord, send rain."

The widow went and did as Elijah had told her, and all of them had enough food for many days. (1 Kings 17:10-15)



- As Jesus sat near the temple treasury, he watched the people as they dropped in their money. Many rich men dropped in a lot of money; then a poor widow came along and dropped in two little copper coins worth about a penny. He called his disciples together and said to them, "I tell you that this poor widow put more in the offering box than all the others. For the others put in what they had to spare of their riches; but she, poor as she is, put in all she had — she gave all she had to live on." (Mark 12:41-44)

- Andrew . . . said, "There is a boy here who has five loaves of barley bread and two fish."

Jesus took the bread, gave thanks to God, and distributed it to the people who were sitting there. He did the same with

the fish, and they all had as much as they wanted." (John 6:8-14)

- Give to others, and God will give to you. Indeed, you will receive a full measure, a generous helping, poured into your hands — all that you can hold. The measure you use for others is the one that God will use for you. (Luke 6:38)

Childhood Experiences Influence Career Missionary

While growing up in Raleigh, Kaye Morrison began learning about missions at an early age.

"My mother has said that every time a missionary spoke at church I had to be there," she recalls.

A member of New Hope church, she also participated in a week-long GA camp at Umstead Park. "It was a wonderful week," she remembers. "The leaders really cared for us."

Kaye now serves as a missionary to Africa's Ivory Coast. She and her husband are church planters. "I believe these early experiences were preparing me for my call into full-time Christian service," she said.

Her children have carried on the family's tradition of missions involvement. As a college student at Campbell, Angela, now 24, worked at Mundo Vista for several summers. Jeff, a freshman at Campbell, will be a counselor at Camp Caraway this year.

Through your gift to the North Carolina Missions Offering, you can make a difference by providing opportunities for children to learn about missions.

Kaye Morrison, missionary to Africa's Ivory Coast, has collected many artifacts in her 14 years there.

Angel Flights Transport Infant Needing Medical Care

Anthony suffers from a disease that causes tumors to grow on his right eye. At the age of 11 months, he has already made nine trips from his home in Florida to see medical specialists in Philadelphia who can treat him.

Gary Wilser is a volunteer and regional coordinator for the NC Baptist Men's Aviation Ministry

Many of these trips would not have been possible without the help of the North Carolina Baptist Men's Aviation Ministry. Anthony's family cannot afford the cost of his medical care and the frequent commercial flights to Philadelphia.

More than 100 volunteers across the state provide "Angel Flights" to people in need. These volunteers use their interest and skills in flying to help people in Jesus' name.

"I have always been interested in flying, even from the time I was just a boy," said Bob Foy, state coordinator of the aviation ministry who has been a private pilot for about 18 years. "What better way to use that interest than to tell others about the love of Jesus?"

"You guys are a gift from God," said Mrs. Anderson, Anthony's mother, referring to Foy and his volunteer co-pilot Gene Branson. "If it weren't for you, we would not be able to receive the medical help Anthony so desperately needs."

"I love to fly but without a good reason to, I just couldn't afford it," said Foy. "I now have a good reason to fly!"

The North Carolina Missions Offering supports the ministries of North Carolina Baptist Men, including the Aviation Ministry.

North Carolina: A Field for Language Missions

John Jones spent the first 15 years of his life in Ecuador, the son of missionaries in that country. He grew up speaking Spanish as well as English. When he returned to North Carolina, he worked in the Yadkin Association as a summer missionary to migrant workers.

This experience was the beginning of a career in language

John Jones reviews language materials, such as this Hispanic periodical, in his role as director of language ministries for North Carolina Baptists.

ministries, right in North Carolina.

"I always thought I would return to the mission field in Ecuador," Jones said. But as he worked with Hispanic people in our state, Jones saw the needs that existed here at home. "At that time, non-English language ministries were just getting started. I saw the opportunity and felt God was leading me to stay here in North Carolina."

As a language pastor with the Home Mission Board (now the North American Mission Board) for many years, Jones started Hispanic churches across the state. Today, as the director of language ministries for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, he oversees more than 100 non-English language churches. "The number of North Carolina residents whose primary language is not English is growing," said Jones. "We still have a vast mission field right here in our own state."

Associational summer missionaries and other language missions programs are supported by gifts to the North Carolina Missions Offering.

Your Dollars Make A Difference

Do you think you are too small or that you could never give enough to make a difference? Here are a few ways your gift to the North Carolina Missions Offering can make a difference:

- $3.50 provides a hot meal to a disaster victim.
- $5 supplies a language Bible for a non-English speaking North Carolina resident.
- $10 helps furnish crafts and Bible session materials for the annual Happiness Retreats for persons with mental handicaps.
- $15 pays program fees for a training event for associational WMU leadership.
- $20 provides the *Biblical Recorder* on cassette tape for blind/visually impaired readers for one year.
- $30 supports a seminary extension scholarship for a prison inmate.
- $35 provides a gift to a missionary child in college at Christmas time.
- $50 supplies two soccer balls for an overseas sports mission team.
- $50 pays for special training for a language group starting missions organizations in its church.
- $100 provides a Christian camping experience for a child from less fortunate circumstances.
- $150 pays for a workshop leader to train tutors in one of three literacy mission areas.
- $300 supplies a supplement to an associational Mother/Daughter retreat.
- $500 provides one month's support for a full-time language pastor.
- $600 furnishes a hymn player for a language congregation.

Ways You Can Help

Here are five ways you can support the North Carolina Missions Offering:

1. Pray for the work of the ministries made possible by the North Carolina Missions Offering.
2. Pray for the North Carolina Missions Offering emphasis in your church.
3. Invite a speaker to give a testimony at your church. Call your association or the state convention office for the names of those who have witnessed North Carolina missions making a difference in their own life or the lives of others.
4. Give your time to support a project or program which is supported by the North Carolina Missions Offering.
5. Make a financial donation to the offering.

North Carolina Missions Offering Help and Hope

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Week of Prayer for North Carolina Missions
1998 Goal: $2.2 million • Suggested Dates: Sept. 13-20

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Lay Renewal Is Alive And Well

We are still using basic materials.

Churches in North Carolina are making use of Lay Renewal in increasing numbers. At the time of this writing, 27 church renewal weekends have been scheduled for 1998, and I believe there will be many more. When I look at the fruits of Lay Renewal and Lay Witness, I believe we should be doing 100 + of each emphasis each year.

Lay Renewal has an outstanding set of guidelines and materials. Without the preparation books, resource books, etc., it would be hard to keep this growing emphasis of church renewal moving forward. Because of this need and the changes in Southern Baptist Leadership, there have been questions, and some fear, that this valuable material may not be printed and/or available anymore. The good news is that it will be available. At this moment, North Carolina churches can order the materials through the Southern Baptist Convention Sunday School Board. If the Sunday School Board has a shortage and does not choose to reprint, the Renewal Family in NC is committed to do our own printing. We will keep our Renewal leadership and the churches adequately supplied with resources.

New Resources

In addition to our regular renewal preparation and guideline materials, new concepts are being tested and some are already available. We are testing the Kingdom Builders material at First Church Burgaw, in August. Richard Leach, director of Lay Evangelism for the North American Mission Board, is working with Renewal Leadership in providing some new material. Early samples suggest that this material will be very good. Here in North Carolina we will work with Lay Renewal consultants and continue to tailor our approaches to fit the need of the churches. We will use the best material and the best team members for encouraging lay renewal in the church.

Ed Bullock
Director of Lay Evangelism
Division of Evangelism, BSC of NC

LAY RENEWAL CELEBRATION

Theme: The Gathering—Preparation Time For Renewal

Peninsula Baptist Church
Mooresville, NC (Lake Norman)

June 19–20, 1998
Friday Evening and Saturday Morning

PROGRAM PERSONALITIES:

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- **Bill Clemmons,** ***Author, Professor, Northern Baptist Theological Seminary,*** **Lombard, ILL**
- **Renea Henderson,** ***Soloist,*** **Seagrove, NC**
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- **Working with Children**
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To make your reservations, please use the form on the back page.

Disasters Come In All Forms

BY TIM LOLLEY, DIVISION 9 DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR

Recent news accounts have shown devastation from the weather phenomenon called El Nino. From mud slides and flooding in the western United States to deadly tornados throughout the Southeast, the impact upon the lives of thousands of people continues to grow. Even in our modern civilization with storm-predicting capabilities and emergency management plans, the impact of a disaster continues to cause tremendous stress, pain, and loss on victims in the storm's path. Yet, these disasters also provide a means for the gospel to be spread to countless numbers of people.

Disaster Relief and Recovery is one way to show the love of God to individuals. Whether it be through aid to the flooded areas of Falmouth and Butler, Ky., in 1997 and in Mitchell and Avery counties in 1998, the recent tornado recovery in Stoneville, or the countless other areas of disaster, the presence of North Carolina Baptist men and women serving through Disaster Relief and Recovery seeks to bring hope and care to devastated areas.

Time and time again one can hear the motivation behind the efforts of those who volunteer. From manning a feeding unit to hauling debris, the motive is always the same. We respond because we believe that the gospel calls us into action. Through the care shown to a mother of four children whose home had been devastated by flood waters, to the opportunities to listen as people tell their stories of survival, Disaster Relief and Recovery provides channels for caring action.

In times of disaster, prayer is an essential element in acknowledging God's presence and guidance. Yet, these disasters also give the opportunity to put feet to our prayers in reaching out to others. Ask anyone who has assisted in Disaster Relief and Recovery and they will quickly tell you of the many ways God allowed them to be blessed as they ministered in His name.

In a recent relief and recovery effort, an African-American minister dropped by one of the feeding units set up in the relief area. Hearing of the relief effort and the number of meals that had been prepared and served by Baptist volunteers from churches across North Carolina, he said, "Today being Sunday, I walked by a church and they were worshiping; I walked by another church and they were singing. I came by here and found this church serving." How unique and how very Christ-like! The gospel reminds us that this is what Jesus would have done. He came to serve.

Opportunities abound for you to be involved in Disaster Relief and Recovery. Share yourself and your talents. You may discover that God can use you to reach the hurting world for which He gave His Son.

If you are interested in learning more about the ministry of Disaster Relief, contact the NC Baptist Men's Offices at (800) 395–5102 ext. 327.

Lyman Fisher
State Disaster Relief Coordinator
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(828) 586-5405

From March 1st–7th, 1998, a total of 220 different volunteers worked on Disaster Recovery efforts in the Spruce Pine area. These volunteers were working to build bridges, clean/rebuild homes and do debris removal from the January flood in Roan Mountain, Bakersville, and Spruce Pine areas. All together, 12 bridges were built, 23 homes were worked on, and 14 yards had debris removed.

Thank you for your prayers for the volunteers and the people they were with.

Homeland Projects

The wet winter of 1997–98 has now passed, and the sunshine of spring and summer has arrived. As we watch new life come back into the flowers and trees, we are always reminded about how life came back into Jesus' body on that resurrection day. Many of our Baptist Men's groups take time during the summer months to participate in mission projects across the state, nation, and around the world. New church buildings offer an opportunity for these groups of men to go to places outside their church field to help others with their needs.

Some places where construction is being done or will begin soon are as follows:

New Hope in Christ Church, Morganton.

At the time of this writing, finish trim work has been started. Work remaining includes finishing the interior trim work, heating and air conditioning, plumbing, electrical work, floor covering, base molding, and interior painting. Exterior landscaping, walks, drives, grass seeding, and setting shrubs must also be finished. Contact Albert Stevens, on site coordinator, at (704) 437–5188 (h) or (704) 431–0089 (mobile). Your help in completing this project will be greatly appreciated.

Mundo Vista, Asheboro.

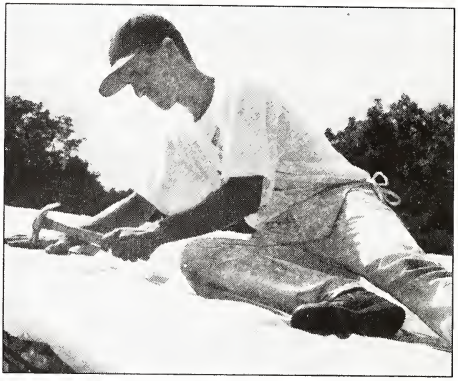
Bob Wainwright told me that they expect to finish renovation of the four cabins in Unit 2 this spring. Most of the work will be finished in Unit 3, but the remainder will be finished this fall. Masons are needed to lay foundations in two cabins in Unit 1. We need to double our efforts during the fall and winter so we can finish these renovations before camping season begins in 1999. Make plans now for your group to begin work at Mundo Vista early in the fall. For further information, contact Bob Wainwright at (919) 693–5004 or Bob Navey at (336) 625–4828.

Camp Caraway, Asheboro.

The people at Caraway are pleased with the amount of work done by volunteers this year. The projects were well-organized, materials were available as needed, and the camp is in much better condition as we begin camping season this summer. Look for a new list of needs we can work on next winter. To schedule time and projects, call Charles Bullard at (336) 629–2374 (work) or (336) 629–5316.

NC Baptist Assembly, Caswell.

Many groups responded to the need for help at Caswell during the winter and spring of 1998. The cafeteria renovations were completed, and the kitchen was back in operation in March. Sea Breeze building renovations have been completed, making two more conference rooms available for use this summer. Volunteers are needed again this fall, winter, and spring. Contact Marilyn for room reservations and John Bowling or David Lloyd for work assignments at (910) 278–9501.



Church of the Good Shepherd, Baptist Mission, Elizabethtown.

Work has started on a 4500-square foot building for a Hispanic mission. Lorenzo Torez is the pastor of this mission, which started two years ago as a mission of Briar Branch Church. The kick-off banquet was scheduled for April 30, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. Volunteers will be needed this year for all types of construction skills. This would be a good project for your Baptist Men's group. For more information, contact Mack Roberts, Director of Missions, at (910) 862–3496, Harvey Bedsole at (910) 862–3345, Elwood Cain at (910) 866–4750, or Eric Davis at (910) 648–6234.

Loves Creek Hispanic Mission, Siler City.

A new church building, approximately 4500-square feet, has been started in Siler City for a Hispanic congregation that has been meeting together for about 10 years. The land has been bought and paid for. Plans have now been completed, and David Ritter has agreed to work as the on-site coordinator. This site is in the middle of the state and can accommodate volunteers from a large area. For more information, contact Roy Helms, pastor, Loves Creek Church at (919) 742–4821 (church) or (919) 742–4298 (home).

POSSIBLE UPCOMING PROJECTS:

Tar River Association:

New Hispanic church building

New Korean church in Charlotte

Renovation work at Chowan College

We need Homeland Missions coordinators for

Region 1 Elizabeth City area
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If you know someone who will serve in these regions, contact me at (919) 542–3819.

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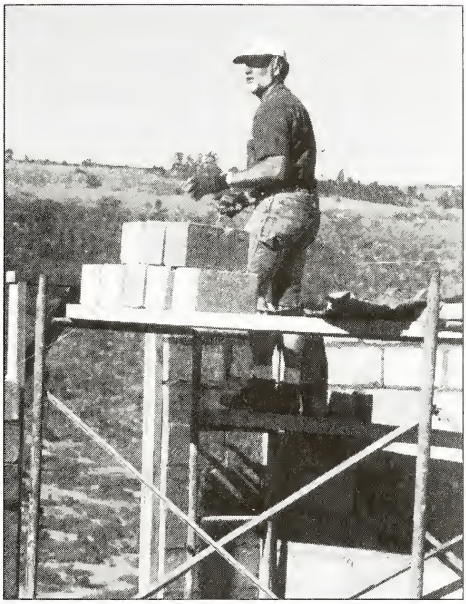
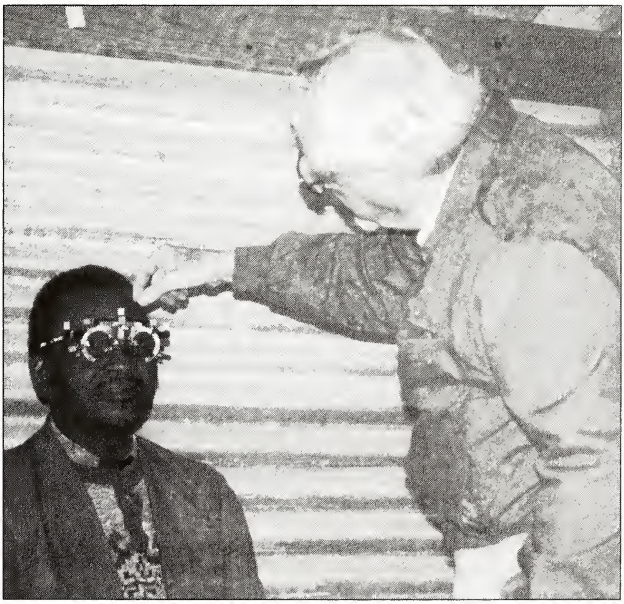
Projects and Partnerships

Baptist men and women have traveled to many parts of the world and responded to the call "to be involved" this year. There are projects in Germany and United Kingdom and partnerships in the Ukraine and South Africa. This will be our last year in the Ukraine as an official partnership. We understand that Mississippi Baptists will be partnering with the Ukraine Baptists and we are glad that they will continue the work that we started. This has been one of our most successful partnerships because of the commitment of our team leaders, team members, staff, and Baptist officials in the Ukraine. My hat is off to all of you! You have set the standards for partnerships in the future. I know you have developed relationships which will continue to be enriching. A true element of the partnership has been the medical teams that have been involved, thanks to Ed and Ann Kanoy and Ron Halbrooks. You are truly continuing God's healing ministry.

We are exploring some exciting projects in Cuba, China, and South America. Pray that God will lead us into these areas of work. There are many needs in these areas of the world, and God may be calling you to one or more of these projects. We are here to help you fulfill your calling. May God bless you as you continue the work of His kingdom.





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RESORT AND RECREATION

NCBM Fishing For Men

The Resort and Leisure Missions ministry provides opportunities to share the Gospel with those who are traveling and/or vacationing through Travelers' Rest (rest stops). There are various ways to become involved. It often requires creativity to discover ways to effectively reach the various target groups such as Campers on Missions and Fishers of Men

North Carolina Baptist Men have teamed up with "Fishers of Men," an evangelistic outreach ministry to bass fishermen. Fishers of Men, based in South Carolina, was founded by Al Odum, a Baptist layman. NCBM and FOM have organized four tournaments and a state championship this year. The state champions (two-man team) will compete for the national championship. Each tournament is held on a Saturday. On Friday night, a local Baptist church will host all the fishermen for a meal and orientation. Also at this time, testimonies are given and the gospel is presented. NCBM believes FOM has the potential to reach many men for Christ. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, contact Jimmy Huffman at (800) 395–5102, ext. 342 or Lonnie Fox, North Carolina tournament director for Fishers of Men, at (919) 479–5099.

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State Resort and Recreation Coordinator
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(704) 569-8203

Weekend Of Prayer, Spiritual Awakening, and Evangelism

North Carolina Baptist Men and the Evangelism Division of the Baptist State Convention are co-sponsoring this exciting weekend. The dates are October 2–3 at Friendship Church in Salisbury. Don Miller of Fort Worth, Texas, will be the featured speaker. There will also be breakout conferences and seminars at this inspirational and motivating weekend. Registration information will be available around July 1. For information, contact Coy Privette at (704) 933–3734, Jimmy Huffman at (800) 395–5102, ext. 342, or check the appropriate item on the back page.

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Watchman Prayer Ministry

"On our walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen: All day and all night they will never keep silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest for yourselves: And give Him no rest until He establishes and makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth." (Isa. 62:6–7, NASB).

THE NEED FOR PRAYER:

There is a great need for North Carolina Baptists to be praying for God to work in the lives of His people and His churches. We need renewal and revival in our churches and in our lives. We need Christians praying for God's leadership and guidance in volunteer mission efforts on disaster relief projects, partnership mission trips around the world and other places where Christians are seeking to serve Christ. If there is going to be renewal and revival, if mission trips are going to accomplish what God wants to accomplish, we must pray.

WHAT IS THE WATCHMAN PRAYER PLAN?

The Watchman Prayer plan is an effort to have Christians "on watch" and praying 24 hours a day. To have North Carolina Baptists praying for missions needs and renewal and revival around the clock.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

NC Baptists commit to pray for one hour every week for a year. You commit to pray during the same hour of the same day, once a week. For example, if you commit to pray ever Monday at 700 a.m., then you would pray from 7-8:00 a.m. every Monday for the next year. There are 168 hours during a week. The Watchman Prayer plan seeks to enlist 168 different people or churches who will pray for one hour a week for a year. This way "watchman: are praying for renewal, revival, and mission efforts, 24 hours a day for the whole year. When one person finishes his "watch" another person takes over "watch."

HOW WILL I KNOW ABOUT PRAYER NEEDS?

There are several ways that you will be kept informed of prayer needs. First, we will e-mail or fax you a weekly prayer alert. This prayer alert will include urgent prayer requests from South Africa, Ukraine, India, disaster relief projects and other volunteer mission projects. These requests will be for things that are happening right now. If you do not have e-mail or fax capability please give us the name of someone from your church that we could send an e-mail or fax to. Second, we are working to get software that will call watchmen at their appointed hour. This software would provide a recording that would remind you that you are on "watch" for the next hour and give you a prayer alert for that day.

We Need You. Will You Be A "Watchman?"

Clip and Return this form to: NC Baptist Men, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512

❑ ***Yes, I will be a "watchman." I will commit to praying one hour a week for the next year. I will pray every _____ (day of the week) from _____ till _____ (a.m or p.m).***

Signed _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (w) ( ) _____ Phone (h) ( ) _____ Fax Number ( ) _____

Would you like to be called when your "watch" begins? ❑ Yes ❑ No

If yes, at what number would you like to be called weekly? ( ) _____

Do you have an e-mail address that we can send a weekly prayer alert to? ❑ Yes ❑ No

If yes, please print the address in this space. _____

Challengers Training And Update

The training for Challenger leaders will be held the weekend of August 7–8.

We will have two classes, one for adults and one for your young student leaders, if the numbers support the separation. The training for the young men will involve some use of the camp facility such as the ropes course. The adults will be given training in how to use the materials. Both groups will participate in a sample lesson to show how easy it is to use the materials.

The North American Mission Board has staffed their Youth Mission Education section. They have a director who has experience with Challengers, and Joe Conway, who has been the editor of the Challenger Magazine, continues. The magazine has made changes to make it more appealing to the young men, and my guys like the change. The staff is also working on an addition to the advancement program for young men who desire to complete more than the "two miles" requirement. The materials and the magazines are now stocked by the Baptist Sunday School Board (800) 233–1123. They have created an excellent web site at http://www.studentz.com/challengers/ and can be reached at (770) 410–6000. Our Baptist Men staff can assist you also. Contact Jimmy Huffman at (800) 395–5102, ext. 342, Carl Collins at (336) 472–6359, or ask one of the staff for the name of the Challenger Committee member in your area.

Carl Collins
State Challenger Committee Chairperson
4437 Kennedy Rd
Thomasville, NC 27360
(336) 472-6359

Special Camps In Need Of Sponsors

There will be two special weeks of camp this summer at Camp Caraway. For the fifth year, North Carolina Baptist Men will conduct Camp Angel Tree for boys ages 9–13 who have a parent in prison. Camp Angel Tree has proven to be a huge success in past years. Each summer, these boys, many of whom do not have a churched background, experience the love of Christ through the positive role model their counselor provides. Dozens of these boys have made first-time professions of faith while at camp. Camp Angel Tree is July 20–24 this summer.

For the third year, North Carolina Baptist Men, together with the North Carolina Aids Partnership, will conduct Camp Kid-Care. This is a camp for children (both boys and girls) ages 9–14 who are either HIV positive or who have a family member who is. Kid-Care, which is staffed by camp counselors and volunteer doctors and nurses, provides a positive, Christian camp atmosphere that allows these burdened campers the chance to have fun and "just be children again." The date for Camp Kid-Care is August 9–12.

Sponsors are needed for both of these camps. The cost of sending one boy to Camp Angel Tree (a full week of camp) is $100. The cost for sponsoring a child for Camp Kid-Care (three days and three nights) is $65. Volunteers are also needed to help transport these children to and from camp. If you would like to sponsor a child or provide transportation for them, please call our office at (800) 395–5102 ext. 341 or check the appropriate item on the back page.

New RA T-shirts and Hat Available

The new RA hat is a hot seller. This attractive six-panel cap is made of 100 percent heavy brushed cotton. The colorful Royal Ambassador logo is embroidered on the front with the words "North Carolina" underneath the logo in script. Two colors are available: khaki crown with navy bill or khaki crown with forest green bill. These hats sell for $12 each, plus a $2.00 shipping charge per mail order.

The new North Carolina Royal Ambassador T-shirts are also available. This attractive white shirt features the Royal Ambassador logo, RA motto, and the words "North Carolina" in RA gold and blue on the back. A small RA emblem covers the left chest on front. The RA shirt is available in youth 12–14; adult small; adult medium; adult large; and adult extra large sizes. Cost for the shirt is $6 each, plus an additional $2.00 charge per order for shipping.

To order, please check the appropriate item on the back page.

October 9–10 Training For RA Counselors And Directors

The key to a successful Royal Ambassador program lies in the ability to secure a dedicated adult to work with the boys. Each year hundreds of new RA and Challenger leaders take on the task of leading the boys and young men of their church in missions education and involvement. Unfortunately, many of these leaders become frustrated and drop out before the year is over. Others, however, seem to thrive, leading their boys in interesting and worthwhile meetings. What's the difference? Training. It doesn't take much to learn what resources are out there and how to use them effectively. And a little bit of training can make a world of difference.

October 9–10 are the dates for a special training session for Lad/Crusader Counselors at Camp Caraway. This training will focus mainly on those who are new RA counselors. All the basics of the program will be covered in detail, including advancement, effective chapter meetings, mission projects, and interest activities. The EZRA (Easy Royal Ambassadors) method, a simplified approach to providing an RA program for your church, will also be a focus. Participants will gain a knowledge of the program and how to lead it effectively. There will also be a session for church RA directors.

This training session will be held at Camp Caraway. Participants will need to bring a sleeping bag and/or bedding with them, as well as other personal items. Men and women working with RAs are encouraged to attend. The training will begin with supper on Friday and conclude with lunch on Saturday. Cost for this training is $28 per person.

For more information or registration, please check the appropriate item on the back page.

Johnny Childers Honored For RA Leadership

Johnny Childers of First Church, Hildebran, was honored at the North Carolina Baptist Men's Convention on January 31 with the Distinguished Royal Ambassador Leadership Award. Each year the State Royal Ambassador Committee selects and recognizes one individual for his or her long-term, meritorious service to Royal Ambassador work in North Carolina. Johnny has been in RA work for more than 20 years, serving as RA counselor and RA director in his church, as well as RA director of the Theron Rankin Association. Johnny has also served as a State RA Committee member, a State Challengers Committee member, and a state training specialist. He has served as a state RA Congress director for many years and has led several overseas mission trips for Challengers and sports teams. Johnny's dedication to the boys and young men he works with is a hallmark of his many years of service. The North Carolina Baptist Men's Department and the State RA Committee are honored to present Johnny Childers with this award. God bless you Johnny and keep up the good work!

Who do you know who has given many years of service to Royal Ambassadors? We would like to honor them. If you would like to nominate someone for this important award, you may obtain a nomination form by contacting the North Carolina Baptist Men's Department. All nominations must be received by December 1, 1998. To receive a nomination form, please check the box on the back page of this issue.

Johnny Childers receives a plaque from Mark Abernathy for his long-term service to RA work.

Hurry! Caraway Filling Up

Dates are filling up, but there is still time to sign your boys up for a week at Camp Caraway, the State Royal Ambassador camp near Asheboro. Sponsored by Baptist Men, Camp Caraway is entering its 36th year of offering boys from across the state a spiritually challenging, fun-filled week of summer activity. Boys do not have to be a member of Royal Ambassadors to attend. The well-rounded program includes such activities as archery, canoeing, swimming, hiking, camping, ropes course, basketball, volleyball, and more. Boys also enjoy interesting and challenging daily sessions with our camp pastor and camp missionary. Regular camp weeks are for boys ages 9–17. Each boy is placed in a cabin with other boys his age under the care of a well-qualified, well-trained Christian young man who serves as his counselor for the week.

Each camp session begins on Monday at 10:00 a.m. and concludes on Friday at 12:30 p.m.(This schedule coincides with that of Camp Mundo Vista for those churches who may wish to bring both boys and girls to the two respective camps in the same trip.) Cost of the camp is $98 per person. Camp dates for Caraway this year are as follows:

June 15–19
June 22–26
July 6–10
July 13–17
July 27–31
August 3–7

Camp is a great place for boys to spend a week of their summer. They receive the opportunity to grow spiritually, make new friends, and have a ball! If your boys have never been to Camp Caraway, why not make this their first year? They'll thank you for it! For more information, please check the appropriate item on the back page.

Lad/Crusader Camporee September 18–19

For the past four years, the Lad/Crusader Camporee has been one of the most enjoyable and fastest growing events for North Carolina Royal Ambassadors. Camp Caraway Family Campground will again be the site for the fifth edition. This year's event will take place September 18–19. All boys in grades 1–6, whether an RA or not, are encouraged to attend. Check-in and camp set-up will be from 5–7:30 p.m. on Friday night. Friday night's events will be highlighted by a bonfire program, which includes singing and other entertainment. On Saturday, boys will participate in Campcraft instruction classes and fun Campcraft field day events. Ribbons will be awarded. The Camporee will end around 3:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon.

The Camporee will provide an opportunity for boys to camp out, learn new Campcraft skills, and participate in fun activities with other boys from across the state.

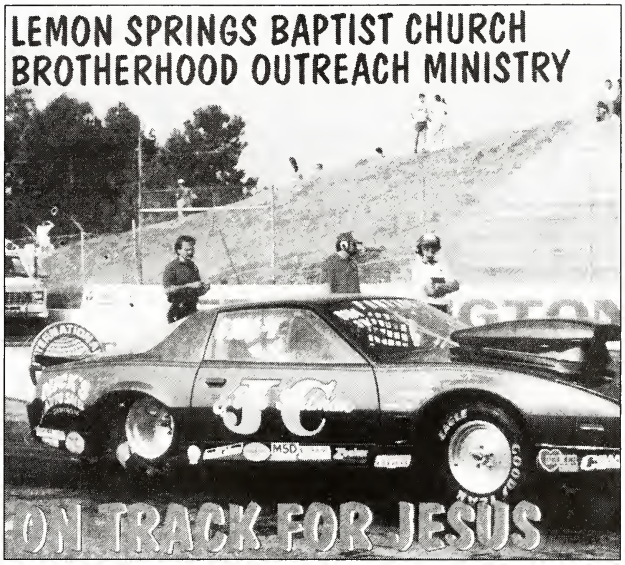
Cost is only $3.50 per person and includes campground fee and program fee. Each group must bring their own food and camping equipment. Registration for this event is limited to the first 300, so get yours in early!

For more information or registration, please check the appropriate item on the back page.

The Mission Friends of Enfield Church, Enfield, raised $500 to help purchase a new Disaster Relief truck. Thank You!

Racing Out-Reach Ministry

The Baptist Men of Lemon Springs Church, Sandhills Association, led by Brotherhood Director Woody Thomas, use a professional drag racing car as means of an out-reach ministry to Royal Ambassador, youth, or other groups. The audience gets a chance to ask questions about racing and examine the car. The group of Baptist Men then present a program which includes testimony, music, and a short message. A picture taking session precedes the program, which is video taped. A copy of this tape is provided to the host church, along with pictures that are taken. The group asks for a donation of $125 to cover the cost of travel and expenses. Those interested in this ministry should contact Woody Thomas at (919) 775–3327.



REMINDER:

Royal Ambassador and Challenger Leaders:

Please submit your Honor Chapter/Unit Applications no later than September 11, 1998. If you need a form, please contact NCBM office at (800) 395–5102, ext. 331.

ACC FOOTBALL

Wake Forest vs Virginia

Church Day is being sponsored by North Carolina Baptist Men and the Athletic Department of Wake Forest University. Tickets will be mailed to you around the 18th of September.

The deadline to receive ticket orders in the office is Friday, October 2nd.

WHERE?
The game will be held at Groves Stadium in Winston-Salem

WHEN?
Saturday, October 31, 1998

WHAT?
Program, 10:00 a.m.
Lawrence Joel Coliseum

Brad Edwards
Washington Redskins

Lunch, Noon

Game, 1:00 p.m.

COST?
$12.00 Per Person
(+ $3.00 handling fee per order)
(Includes Program, Box Lunch, and Game Ticket)

WHO?
Any person who comes with a church group is welcome to a day of inspiration, fun and football.

To register, check the appropriate item on the back page.

CHECK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

Summer 1998, For additional information and registration, check the appropriate block and mail this back page (with the label) to: North Carolina Baptist Men, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512–1107

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TO REGISTER FOR EVENTS

- ❑ Leadership Conference Aug. 7–8, Cost: $38/person *(double occupancy and three meals)* ***Registration deadline is July 6***
  #_____ @ $38/person = Total $_____
- ❑ Ag Demonstration Farm Field Day
  #_____ tickets @ $5/person = Total $_____
- ❑ Lay Renewal Celebration, June 19–20, Peninsula Church, Mooresville, Cost: $15/per adult, $5 under age 18. *(Make your own hotel reservation, see list)*
  #_____ adults @ $15 each = Total $_____
  #_____ under age 18 @ $5 each = Total $_____
  Grand Total $_____
- ❑ Training for RA Counselors/Directors, Oct. 9–10, Camp Caraway, Cost: $28/person, *(bring sleeping bag & personal items)*
  #_____ @ $28/person = Total $_____
- ❑ Lad/Crusader Camporee, Sept. 18–19, Cost $3.50/person *(includes campground fee and program fee).* ***Registration limited to the first 300.***
  #_____ @ $3.50/person = Total $_____
- ❑ ACC Football Game, Oct. 31, Groves Stadium, Winston-Salem, Cost: $12/person *(includes program, box lunch and game ticket) ($3 handling fee per order)*
  #_____ @ $12/person = Total $_____

TO ORDER RA HATS/T-SHIRTS

RA Hats @ $12 (p. 20)

❑ Khaki/Navy	*Quantity*_____ = Total	$_____
❑ Khaki/Forest Green	*Quantity*_____ = Total	$_____
	+ Shipping/handling	*$ 2.00*
	Grand Total	$_____

RA T-shirts @ $6 (p. 20) — Color: White

❑ Youth 12-14	*Quantity*_____ = Total	$_____
❑ Adult small	*Quantity*_____ = Total	$_____
❑ Adult med.	*Quantity*_____ = Total	$_____
❑ Adult large	*Quantity*_____ = Total	$_____
❑ Adult X-large	*Quantity*_____ = Total	$_____
❑ Adult XX-large	*Quantity*_____ = Total	$_____
	+ Shipping/handling	*$ 2.00*
	Grand Total	$_____

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Phone: Office_____ Home_____

Church_____ Association_____

Leadership Position_____

Registration Fee (if applicable) $_____ Number in group (if applicable)_____

(Make checks payable to North Carolina Baptist Men.)

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